



General Assembly

## ***Substitute Bill No. 40***

***February Session, 2014***



### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF MUNICIPAL LEGAL NOTICES IN NEWSPAPERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 1-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

3 (a) Each provision of the general statutes, the special acts or the  
4 charter of any town, city or borough [which] that requires the insertion  
5 of an advertisement of a legal notice in a daily newspaper shall be  
6 construed to permit such advertisement to be inserted in a weekly  
7 newspaper, including, but not limited to, a weekly newspaper  
8 distributed free of charge to the residents of the town, city or borough;  
9 but this section shall not be construed to reduce or otherwise affect the  
10 time required by law for giving such notice. Whenever notice of any  
11 action or other proceeding is required to be given by publication in a  
12 newspaper, either by statute or order of court, the newspaper selected  
13 for that purpose, unless otherwise expressly prescribed, shall be one  
14 having a substantial circulation in the town in which at least one of the  
15 parties, for whose benefit such notice is given, resides.

16 (b) With respect to any requirement for the insertion of an  
17 advertisement of a legal notice in a newspaper by a town, city or  
18 borough, a description of such legal notice containing a brief summary

19 of the matter being noticed and a reference to the Internet web site of  
 20 the newspaper in which such legal notice is placed may be published  
 21 in lieu of the full legal notice. Any newspaper that offers publication of  
 22 such legal notices on an Internet web site shall post the full legal notice  
 23 in a conspicuous location on such web site and make any such full  
 24 legal notice available to the public free of charge.

25 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 1-225 of the general statutes is  
 26 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
 27 *January 1, 2015*):

28 (a) The meetings of all public agencies, except executive sessions, as  
 29 defined in subdivision (6) of section 1-200, shall be open to the public.  
 30 The votes of each member of any such public agency upon any issue  
 31 before such public agency shall be reduced to writing and made  
 32 available for public inspection within forty-eight hours and shall also  
 33 be recorded in the minutes of the session at which taken. Not later than  
 34 seven days after the date of the session to which such minutes refer,  
 35 such minutes shall be available for public inspection and posted on  
 36 such public agency's Internet web site, if available, [, except that no  
 37 public agency of a political subdivision of the state shall be required to  
 38 post such minutes on an Internet web site.] Each public agency shall  
 39 make, keep and maintain a record of the proceedings of its meetings.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	1-2
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	1-225(a)

**PD** *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**GAE** *Joint Favorable*